

# Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/12/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Applicant's representative, Attorney Mr. Theodore Naccarella and Examiner discussed and agreed to amend claims 21-29 of the existing claims 1-29 in the phone interview on Tuesday, October 23, 2006; and the Applicant gives the Examiner permission to correct the issue on Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

21. (Currently Amended): A computer ~~program~~ readable product stored on computer readable medium executable by a computing device for providing an interface with displayable computer files on a computer display, said product ~~program~~ comprising:

(1) ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for determining a value of at least one display attribute of a first displayable file on a computer;

(2) ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for determining a type of said first file;

(3) ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for automatically storing said value associated with data indicating said type of said first file when said first file is closed;

(4) ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for accessing said stored value when another file of said same type as said first file is opened; and

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(5) computer executable instructions for using the same value to display said another file.

22. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 21 wherein said ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for storing comprises ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for storing said value of said attribute when said first file was closed.

23. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 22 wherein said file type comprises a file name extension of said first file.

24. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 21 wherein said ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for storing comprises ~~means~~ computer executable instructions for storing said data as an attribute table comprising a plurality of data entries relating file types to attribute values.

25. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 21 further comprising:

~~means~~ computer executable instructions for determining a value of at least one display attribute of a second displayable file on a computer that is displayed simultaneously with said first file;

~~means~~ computer executable instructions for determining a type of said second file;

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~~means~~ computer executable instructions for storing data associated with said type of said first file indicating at least said type of said second file relative to said first file and said at least one attribute of said second file; and

~~means~~ computer executable instructions for automatically opening, when another file of said type of said first file is opened for display, another file of the same type as said second file having the same relationship to said another file of said first type as said second file had to said first file.

26. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ computer program readable product of claim 25 wherein said relationship comprises said first and second files having file names with identical first portions.

27. (Currently Amended): The ~~method~~ computer program readable product of claim 26 wherein said file names each comprise a first part and an extension part and wherein said file types are dictated by said extension part and said first part comprises said first portion.

28. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 25 wherein said relationship comprises said first and second files having file names with identical first portions.

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29. (Currently Amended): The computer ~~program~~ readable product of claim 28 wherein said file memos each comprise a first part and an extension part and wherein said file types are dictated by said extension part and said first part comprises said first portion.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T. Chuong whose telephone number is 571-272-4134. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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